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SUBJ: CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF FY-78 FUNDING

REF: (A) STATE 037755, (B) SAN SALVADOR 0161

1. OVERTIME, FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S CHAUFFEUR, IDENTIFIED AS ANTI-TERRORISM ARE THOSE OVERTIME HOURS HE WORKS DUE TO THE THREAT SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR; IF NOT FOR SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE ABLE TO WALK OR DRIVE HIS PERSONAL VEHICLE TO VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CHURCH, NON-OFFICIAL PERSONAL ACTIVITIES, ETC., THE FORMER AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE TO DO. AT THE RATE OF DOLS 637.00 FOR FY-78 - COMPUTED SINCE THE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL ON 10/27/77 - THIS AMOUNTS TO BARELY 6.8 HOURS OVERTIME PER WEEK FOR EVENTS OF THIS NATURE. GIVEN THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESTIGE AND POPULARITY, POST CONSIDERS THIS TO BE A VERY CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE.

### 2. RSO VERSUS A/RSO OVERTIME

A. WITH ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR AND TWO-MAN PROTECTIVE DETAIL, RSO WORKED A TOTAL OF 314 OVERTIME HOURS, DURING PAY PERIOD 22 THRU PAY PERIOD 3, AS PART OF THE AMBASSADOR'S PROTECTIVE DETAIL. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE A/RSO ON JANUARY 14, 1978 AND TEMPORARY AUGMENTATION OF THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL TO THREE TDY PERSONNEL, RSO'S PROTECTIVE DETAIL OVERTIME HAS DROPPED TO ENABLE HIM

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TO AGAIN DEVOTE THE TIME REQUIRED TO RSO DUTIES. HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE USED AS PART OF THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL ONLY IN EMERGENCIES.

B. A/RSO ARRIVED ON POST ON JANUARY 14, 1978; OVERTIME FOR PROTECTIVE DETAIL DUTIES HAS BEEN: PAY PERIOD TWO, 41 HOURS; PAY PERIOD THREE, 61 HOURS.

C. THROUGH THE EIGHT PAY PERIOD TIME FRAME ENDING JANUARY 28. 1978, PROTECTIVE DETAIL OVERTIME COSTS TO POST HAVE AVERAGED 52 HOURS PER PAY PERIOD. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE TDY SECURITY DETAIL HAS AT TIMES BEEN A TWO MAN DETAIL AND LATELY A THREE MAN DETAIL. FY-78 OVERTIME ESTIMATES FOR THE A/RSO'S PROTECTIVE DETAIL DUTIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLUCTUATE WITH CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO TDY DETAIL AND THE AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, POST OVERTIME COSTS FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S PROTECTION SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE A/RSO THROUGH THE END OF FY-78 SHOULD REFLECT A/RSO OVERTIME ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY.

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS NO DOUBT AWARE, NEITHER THE AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE NOR THE THREAT SITUATION IS FIXED AND THUS IS NOT READILY TRANSLATED INTO DOLLARS FOR A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD. BASED ON A VERY CONSERVATIVE AND RESTRICTIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE AMBASSADOR, POST ESTIMATES ITS AMERICAN EMPLOYEE ANTI-TERRORISM OVERTIME COSTS TO BE NOT LESS THAN DOLS 11,130.00 WITH A THREE MAN TDY DETAIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY-78 AND DOLS 17,862.00 WITH A TWO MAN DETAIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY-78. THESE ARE ONLY FY-78 COSTS AND ARE NOT ANNUALIZED FOR A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD.

4. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, PAST EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST CRITERIA ON WHICH TO BASE ESTIMATED COSTS. SINCE THE ESTIMATEJ OF PARAGRAPH 2, ABOVE, ARE BASED ON A RADICALLY RESTRICTIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FALL SHORT OF ACTUAL REQUIREMENTS, POST FEELS THAT ITS ESTIMATE OF DOLS 16,692.00, UNCLASSIFIED

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AS REQUESTED BY SAN SALVADOR 0161, IS MORE REALISTIC FOR NOW, SUBJECT TO REVISION FOR PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY AUGMENTATION OF THE TDY SECURITY DETAIL AND ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE ON WHICH TO DETERMINE THE AVERAGE OVERTIME REQUIREMENTS PRESENT BY THE AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE.

ANNUALIZATION AT THIS RATE WOULD BE DOLS 18468/1776/16692.

5. SAN SALVADOR 0161 DID NOT REPEAT NOT IDENTIFY LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCE REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITION 56-110 AS AN ANTI-TERRORISM EXPENSE. SINCE THIS NEW POSITION IS THE A/RSO POSITION ARA/MGT/FM MAY WISH TO RE-IDENTIFY THIS EXPENSE AS AN ANTI-TERRORISM COST. REVISED COST, DUE TO A/RSO'S RECENT PROMOTION IS 9360/3282/6078.

6. POST IS SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR A PERMANENT AUGMENTATION OF THE TDY SECURITY DETAIL FROM A TWO MAN DETAIL TO A THREE MAN DETAIL.  
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